



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Executive Director, Community Development Commission

At its meeting held March 29, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Molina and Burke:

“The Administration’s Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2006 budget, (October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007), proposes to eliminate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

“The CDBG Program, which was enacted in 1974, has provided Los Angeles County’s urban areas with funding for vital housing, community, and economic development programs. Over the last several years, the County’s CDBG allocation has steadily decreased due to reductions in Federal appropriations and increases in the number of set asides. Los Angeles County will receive approximately \$34.6 million in CDBG funding for the FFY 2005, (October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006), the lowest level of funding for the County since 1993. If the Administration’s proposed FFY 2006 budget is approved and the CDBG program is eliminated, there would be a devastating impact on the low- and moderate-income residents that are served by the program.

“The Los Angeles Urban County, working with 48 participating cities and 66 community-based organizations, has provided CDBG funded services over the last four years to residents within the Los Angeles Urban County by supporting after school and recreation programs for over 156,000 youth; assisting 67,000 seniors through meals and case management; rehabilitating nearly 7,000 homes; developing approximately 9,000 affordable housing units, and creating or preserving over 2,000 jobs.

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Went on record in support of:
 - Retention of the CDBG Program in its current structure within the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
 - Funding for the CDBG Program by providing Federal Fiscal Year 2006 funding of at least \$4.7 billion dollars overall, with no less than \$4.35 billion dollars in formula funding;
2. Instructed the Executive Director of the Community Development Commission, working with the County's Legislative advocates in Washington D.C., the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation, National organizations, 48 participating cities and community-based organizations, to support the County's position on retaining the CDBG Program in its current form, to preserve the flexibility and local determination that are the hallmarks of the CDBG program; and
3. Instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to send letters to the President, Federal appropriators, Federal authorizers and the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation supporting the continuation of the CDBG Program and requesting that Program funding be maintained.

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Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

Letters sent to:

The President
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Transportation, Treasury, Judiciary,
Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee

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Letters sent to:

- Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs
- Senate Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation
- House Committee on Appropriations
- House Committee on Transportation, Treasury, Housing and
Urban Development, the Judiciary, and the District of Columbia
- House Committee on Financial Services
- House Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity
- Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation

March 31, 2005

TO: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair
Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

FROM: Violet Varona-Lukens
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER**

As instructed by your Board, enclosed are five-signature letters to The President, Federal appropriators, Federal authorizers and the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation, supporting the continuation of the CDBG Program and requesting that Program funding be maintained.

Your earliest attention to this matter would be appreciated. Please have your Secretary contact Mike Cieplik in the Minutes/Communications Section at extension 41444, for circulation to the next Board Office.

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Enclosure

March 31, 2005

President George W. Bush
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

**PROPOSED ELIMINATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

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Very truly yours,

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March 31, 2005

The Honorable Christopher "Kit" Bond, Chairman
Senate Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury,
the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development
Dirksen Senate Office Building, SD-133
Washington, D.C. 20510-6037

Dear Senator Bond:

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The Honorable Richard C. Shelby
Chairman, Senate Committee on Banking,
Housing and Urban Affairs
Dirksen Senate Office Building, SD-534
Washington, D.C. 20510-6075

Dear Senator Shelby:

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The Honorable Wayne Allard
Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on
Housing and Transportation
Dirksen Senate Office Building, SD-534
Washington, D.C. 20510-6075

Dear Senator Allard:

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The Honorable Thad Cochran
Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Appropriations
Capital Building, S-128
Washington, D.C. 20510-6025

Dear Senator Cochran:

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The Honorable Joe Knollenberg
Chairman, House Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury,
and Housing and Urban Development, Judiciary, District of Columbia
Rayburn Office Building, 2358
Washington, D.C. 20515-6027

Dear Representative Knollenberg:

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The Honorable Robert W. Ney
Chairman, House Subcommittee on
Housing and Community Opportunity
Rayburn Office Building, 2129
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Ney:

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The Honorable Michael G. Oxley
Chairman, House Committee on Financial Services
Rayburn Office Building, 2129
Washington, D.C. 20515-6050

Dear Representative Oxley:

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The Honorable Jerry Lewis
Chairman, House Committee on Appropriations
Capital Building, H-218
Washington, D.C. 20515-6015

Dear Representative Lewis:

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United States House of Representatives
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